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January 18, 2013

TO: Each Supervisor

FROM:  Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.
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SUBJECT: **NOTIFICATION OF THE USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO
ACCEPT A SUBAWARD AGREEMENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA CLINICAL RESEARCH ORGANIZATION
FOR THE COMMUNITY APPROACHES TO REDUCING SEXUALLY
TRANSMITTED DISEASE PROJECT**

This is to notify you that I am exercising the delegated authority approved by your Board on August 21, 2012, to accept and implement a forthcoming sub-award agreement and/or amendments from the University of Southern California (USC) in the amount of \$6,380 for the period of June 1, 2012 through September 29, 2012 for the Community Approaches to Reducing Sexually Transmitted Disease (CARS) project, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office.

On August 21, 2012, your Board ratified the Department of Public Health's (DPH) acceptance of Subaward Agreement Number LAC SUB 7U22PS003371 from USC Clinical Research Organization (CRO) in the amount of \$38,069, for the period of September 30, 2011 through May 31, 2012, for the CARS project.

Under the above referenced authority, I will accept sub-award Agreement Number LAC SUB 7U22PS003371-1, issued December 10, 2012 from USC CRO in the amount of \$6,380, for the term June 1, 2012 through September 29, 2012, to support DPH's management and oversight of the CARS project. Due to a delay in the transfer of the primary award from the current fiscal agent, USC CRO, to USC, this Subaward was issued by USC CRO instead of USC, as outlined in the August 21, 2012 Board letter. Upon approval of the transfer of the fiscal agent by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), future Subawards will be issued by USC and/or the CDC directly to DPH.

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The purpose of the CARS project is to expand the distribution and utilization of sexually transmitted disease home test kits to increase rates of early identification and treatment and reduce the incidence and prevalence of gonorrhea and chlamydia among women of color 12 to 25 years old in Los Angeles County's Second Supervisorial District. This is a collaboration between the CDC, USC, DPH, and a broad range of community partners and stakeholders.

As indicated in the August 21, 2012 letter to your Board, the proposed award contains a mutual indemnification provision. The mutual indemnification provision requires DPH to indemnify and defend USC CRO for claims that arise from DPH's negligent acts or omissions with regards to performance of these awards. Similarly, USC CRO will indemnify and defend DPH for negligent acts or omissions of its employees.

County Counsel has reviewed and approved the Subaward agreement as to use and this delegated authority action.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please let me know.

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c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors